

Committee Notes – Joint Meeting
Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
July 12, 2012

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Dan Chismire. Not Present: Carol Massie, Don Mushin, and Thaddeus Smith. SVBID Committee Members Present: None. Not Present: Fred Rosenthal, Chairperson; Fabio Conti, John Lupo, Roxanna Sassanian, Elizabeth McDonald, and Anthony Bell. Liaisons: Joe Salazar, Mike Harkins, and Bill Farrar Andrews International; Not Present, LAPD; Deputy Kris Fulkerson, Deputy Del Moore, LASD. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: Augustine Um, 1600 Vine Apartments; Charlie Colletta, HEI.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair John Tronson at 9:49 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: No Public Comment
- III. Meeting Notes: The committee approved the meeting notes from their June 14, 2012 meeting.
- IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International

1. Monthly Activity Report: Steve Seyler reviewed the statistics for BID Security through July 8, 2012. Seyler mentioned that two BID Officers, Kanagi and Keyes, were both recently honored by the Latin Police Officers' Association for their outstanding work in the community. On June 29, BID officers received a complaint against a street character who refers to himself as "Mr. Muscles." The officers put the woman and her boyfriend in touch with LAPD to file a formal complaint against the suspect. The officers are also continuing to engage in outreach to Hollywood's homeless neighbors and have recently begun to enlist the "ACT" team (through the VA) to assist them in reaching out to homeless veterans in Hollywood.

B. Report from LAPD: LAPD was not present.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Deputy Moore reported that the LASD had recently conducted a "crisis" drill at Hollywood First Presbyterian Hospital. The drill was very successful and organizers are now looking to possibly consider having a drill for Hollywood next year. Deputy Moore also informed the committee that Metro is looking to begin the process of changing all ticketing machines in subway stations to Tap Card dispensers. The LASD has asked that Metro consider converting all of the Hollywood stations last, as these tend to have heavy populations. Morrison also told Deputy Moore that the BID would be willing to help educate individuals that the system will soon be changing from paper tickets to TAP cards, in order to help minimize the rush.

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VI. New Business

A. Status of Video Surveillance Camera System: Mariani reported that he recently spoke with Jim Sage at Metro Video and that the company was looking to tentatively begin moving the LAPD cameras to the Detective's area of the station this week. Mariani said he would try and arrange a tour for the committee to the station after the cameras have finished their migration.

B. Fast Food Restaurant Security Use: Morrison gave the committee a brief update on a recent meeting held with Jack in the Box's asset manager. Seyler, Morrison, Fred Rosenthal, and Captain Girmala met with the manager last week to discuss the issues occurring at the store. Morrison said the meeting surfaced some confusion expressed by Jack in the Box relative to the role played by BID security. At the conclusion the manager asked BID security to refrain from coming onto the property unless called by Westec, Jack in the Box's security system. Morrison had since that time received a newly signed copy of the Trespass agreement from the asset manager and a request asking that Andrews re-engage in removing trespassers from the property when called by Jack in the Box staff.

C. Discussion Regarding Possible Nighttime Deployment Hours: Morrison mentioned that Captain Girmala had recently asked her to consider having BID patrol stay out later at night or consider an "observe and report" role. The Committee discussed their concern with the idea, as past attempts to have BID out at night have been unsuccessful due to their lack of police powers and difficulty navigating the traffic on the Boulevard. This idea will be further reviewed by a subcommittee of the Hollywood Entertainment District.

D. Unite Here Campaign Regarding Hollywood Crime: Morrison mentioned that there has been wide distribution of flyers and materials intimating that the W Condos and Hollywood are an unsafe area to live. Charlie Colletta explained to the committee that this campaign has been started by a local union who is currently in negotiation with the W Hotel. After some discussion the Committee realized that there was nothing they could do to help stop the campaign. Morrison had also tried to file a police report, as Union organizers had plastered flyers all over Los Angeles City electrical boxes. However, Morrison was informed that she could not file the report since the vandalism was on City property.

V. Old Business

A. Homeless Outreach Update:

a. Injunction Impacting Skid Row Sidewalks: Morrison said that Skid Row was recently cleaned by City departments. She is still waiting to hear as to what the next steps are for the pending injunction.

B. Community Impact Team

a. Sidewalk Issues: Mariani reported that there will be a meeting later today with the LAPD and City Attorney to discuss the next steps in restoring civility to the Hollywood sidewalks. Morrison also said that she and the Civil Sidewalks Committee had recently had a very successful roundtable discussion at the Chamber where draft recommendations were put together to address the proliferation of tour companies on the Boulevard. Morrison said she would bring the draft guidelines to the HPOA board at their next meeting for review.

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C. Vine Street Parking Garage: Angela Motta informed the committee that due to some slight delays, the Vine Street parking garage is now scheduled to open in November. The Council Office is working with everyone at the City to see what can be done in trying to keep the structure's construction on time.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in Suite 802 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair John Tronson at 11:03 a.m.